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1. SUMMARY. ON PROPOSAL BY SWISS DEL, SECONDED BY US, CHAIRMAN VAN SCHAIK (NETH) REELECTED, TOGETHER WITH VICE-CHAIRMEN, HIGGS (AUSTRALIA); MUNRO (CANADA), MENKE-GLUECKERT (FRG), LYKKE (NORWAY). COMMITTEE SPENT MOST OF THREE DAYS ON (A) GENERAL DISCUSSION OF 1976 PROGRAM, (B) ENVCOM STRUCTURE AND WORK METHODS (C) ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT (US AMENDMENT TO MANDATE OF SECRETARIAT TASK FORCE APPROVED WITHOUT OPPOSITION (SEE SEPTEL OECD PARIS 06103) TOGETHER WITH FRG PROPOSAL FOR STEERING GROUP TO DIRECT TASK FORCE ON BEHALF ENVCOM. TASK FORCE AND STEERING GROUP TO HSAL OF PERSISTENT CHEMICALS. DECISION ON PROGRAM PRIORITIES DETERRED TO JUNE PLENARY.

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(B) RE WORK PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED COMPANION VOLUME TO LONG-TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT, US SUCCESSFULLY ARGUED THAT TASK FORCE WOULD BE INHIBITED IF NATURE OF REPORT WAS IMPOSED AT OUTSET. ENVCOM THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH APPROVING IN PRINCIPLE WORK-PROGRAM AS OUTLINED IN ENV(75)5 AND ENV(75)29, AGREED WITH US VIEWPOINT THAT FINAL DECISION BE DEFERRED UNTIL TASK FORCE HAD CONSIDERED IN GREATER DETAIL. TASK FORCE AND STEERING GROUP WILL MEET JOINTLY APRIL 21-22. ACTION. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED RESPOND TO FRG PROPOSAL THAT US ACCEPT CHAIRMANSHIP OF ENV/COM STEERING GROUP TO OVERSEE UNCLASSIFIED

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8. INDUSTRY AND ENVIRONMENT. PARAS 37-44 (PARA 36 MISSING).

(A) TRANSFRONTIER POLLUTION (TFP). ENV(75)6 WAS SUPERSEDED BY COMMITTEE ROOM DOCUMENT NO.6. COMMITTEE AGREED TO ESTABLISH TFP GROUP TO CARRY OUT WORK ENDORSED BY MINISTERS IN NOVEMBER 1974, AND EMBODIED IN COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION C(74)224. MAIN THRUST WILL BE TO DEVELOP PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING HARMONIZED TFP POLICIES AMONG MEMBER-COUNTRIES. US STATED CONCERN

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ALL ENERGY INTENSIVE FACILITIES. (II) STUDY OF WHOLE AREA OF RESIDUALS PRODUCED BY TOTAL ENERGY SYSTEMS, TO SPARK OFF INFO EXCHANGE THIS FIELD. CONSIDERABLE US EXPERIENCE WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO OECD. (III)

STUDY OF METHODOLOGY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, ALREADY CONSIDERED AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDED BY EXPERT GROUP ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT IN NOV. 1974, (SEE ENV(74)29, PARAS 7-9) BUT APPARENTLY OVERLOOKED IN 1976 PROGRAM. FRG OFFERED ITSELF FOR CASE STUDY ON NATIONAL IMPACT OF SPECIFIC ASPECTS ENVIRONMENT POLICY (ALONG LINES 1973 SWEDISH REVIEW) WITH POSSIBLE CENTRAL THEME OF FUNCTION SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL INFORMATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OBJECTIVES. NORWAY PROPOSED FEASIBILITY STUDY AIMING AT OECD-WIDE CODE ON MANUFACTURE, USE AND DISPOSAL OF PERSISTENT CHEMICALS. DECISION ON PROGRAM PRIORITIES DETERRED TO JUNE PLENARY.

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THAT TFP GROUP AVOID PREOCCUPATION WITH UNPRODUCTIVE AND POLITICALLY SENSITIVE STUDIES OF LIABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY ISSUES. OTHER DELS SUPPORTED US VIEW, AND SECRETARIAT HAS UNDERTAKEN REVISION OF PROGRAM TO DE-EMPHASIZE LEGAL IN FAVOR OF NON-LEGAL ISSUES. US SUBMITTED NEW DRAFT RECOMMENDATION ON MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENT PROBLEMS (COMMITTEE ROOM DOCUMENT NO.12), DISTRIBUTED WITH MANSFIELD PAPER, NOW OECD DOCUMENT AEU/TFP/ENV/74.4, BOTH FOR DISCUSSION BY TFP GROUP AT ITS FIRST MEETING, APRIL 14-16, 1975.

(B) NOTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEMS FOR POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL, ENV(75)14. ENVCOM AGREED THAT PROCEDURE PROPOSED BY SCEE IS USEFUL, BUT DECIDED THAT MEMBER-COUNTRIES MUST REMAIN FREE TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE AS THOUGHT FIT.

SECRETARIAT WILL ASSEMBLE INFORMATION AND REPORT TO ENVCOM WITHIN ONE YEAR, WHEN DECISION ON SUBSEQUENT ANALYSIS WILL BE TAKEN.

9. COMMITTEE ROOM DOCUMENTS (CRDS) LIST FOR REFERENCE GIVEN BELOW. (MISSING NUMBERS RELATE TO CRDS NOT SUBMITTED TO COMMITTEE, I.E. NOT TAKEN BEYOND TITLE OR DRAFT STAGE). 1. WORKING METHODS FOR ENVCOM  
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(SECRETARIAT). 2. CHART OF PROPOSED DURATION OF ACTIVITIES, 1975/6 (SECRETARIAT). 3. DATA RELEVANT TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY. 4. PROGRAM PRIORITIES AND WORK METHODS (AUSTRALIA) PLUS CORRIGENDUM AND ADDENDUM. 5. COMPLEMENTARY ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT TO LONG-TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT (SECRETARIAT). 6. TFP-FUTURE ACTIVITIES (SECRETARIAT). 11. ENVCOM BUDGETING PROCESS (CANADA). 12. COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL

PROBLEMS (US). 13. WORK METHODS FOR ENVCOM (SWEDEN).  
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INFO FOR ENVIRONMENT POLICY OBJECTIVES (FRG). 17. CODE  
FOR PERSISTENT CHEMICALS (NORWAY). 18. DRAFT SUMMARY  
OF ENVCOM CONCLUSIONS, MAR 5-6 AND MORNING MAR 7.  
SECRETARIAT COMPLETE RECORD WILL BE DESPATCHED SOONEST.  
19. ENERGY IMPACT ON EUROPEAN CLIMATE (SUMMARY OF  
REPORT FOR SUBMISSION TO ENVCOM, JUNE MEETING.  
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(BELGIUM).  
10. DATES: APRIL 14-16, TFP GROUP. APRIL 21-22,  
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